GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3593
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PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN RARE EARTHS LIMITED
KUMUDINI PATNAIK

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of Indian Rare Earths Limited at Gopalpur in Ganjam District of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up a study group to probe into the mismanagement of the Indian Rare Earths Limited to reduce unnecessary expenditure and stoppage of wastage and pilferage;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), a Public Sector Undertaking of Department of Atomic Energy has proposals for expansion of capacity of OSCOM Plant at Orissa from the present capacity of ilmenite production of 220,000 tpa alongwith associated minerals to 300,000 tpa with associated minerals, with an additional investment of Rs.45 crore (approx).

(c),(d) & (e) Department of Atomic Energy has not come across any mis-management in IREL and therefore the question of reduction of unnecessary expenditure, stoppage of wastage and pilferage does not arise.